

Haider collects, but no reward for Hendon

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Wycombe provided the bulk of the 543 spectators at Claremont Road on Saturday, and the Hendon captain, Rod Haider, thought they were more than generous in contributing to his testimonial fund collection, which realised £60.13.

That's more than he could say for the Wycombe players, who paid Hendon for their inconsistency by winning 2-1 and pulling off their first Isthmian League double of the season. They won by the same score at Loakes Park last month.

by Fred Harris

Hendon never made much impression up front, and must have left manager Jimmy Quail wondering if he did wrong in not recalling John Butterfield, who claims he is now fit following injury.

With Quail pinning his faith on the players who have remained unbeaten in their last four games, policeman Steve Jefferies continued at the expense of Butterfield, who went into nearby Clitterhouse Playing Fields for a kick about with goalkeeper Gary Steel, who had also reported fit.

Biggest gate

In a flowing game, which provided plenty of entertainment for Hendon's biggest gate so far this season, Wycombe easily contained a Hendon side which was very much limited in attack and unable to get it together up

front. Not very often did they allow Hendon near goal — and Hendon could only manage one corner to the 13 forced by Wycombe!

Veteran "Bodger" Tony Horseman was left completely unmarked, and had plenty of time to pick his spot, when he put Wycombe ahead after 38 minutes. Paul Birdseye set it all up with first a throw and then with an accurate cross after having the ball returned to him. Horseman left Arthur Paisley stranded with a well-placed shot.

"Skipper Keith Mead improved Wycombe's lead 19 minutes into the second half. He got under a Micky Holifield corner from the right and the high looping ball evaded Paisley and also bobbed off Gary Hand, who had tried to support his goalkeeper on the line.

Best move

Tony Field, a 59th-minute replacement for Steve Jefferies, was involved in Hendon's best move, which led to their only goal in the 72nd minute. He threw the defence with a clever back-heel flick to guide a pass from Haider to Roy Butler

on the left. Goalkeeper John Maskell was badly shaken as he tried to cut out Butler's cross and George Brooks seized his chance to score in off a post.

Maskell, who looked as though he might not finish the game, took a couple of minutes to recover and more than one Hendon official expressed surprise that their goal was allowed to stand.

Hendon: A. Paisley, P. Anderson, G. Hand, P. Deadman, A. Campbell, R. Haider, D. Holden, R. Southam, R. Butler, S. Jefferies (withdrawn), G. Brooks. Sub: A. Field.

Wycombe Wanderers: J. Maskell, P. Birdseye, R. Davies, K. Mead, A. Phillips, R. Day, G. Mackenzie (withdrawn), E. Quirashi, D. Evans, M. Holifield, A. Horseman. Sub: S. Pratt.